

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-25 will be pending in the present application.

Claim 7 is objected to for missing a claim identifier. As shown in the listing of the claims, Claim 7 includes the proper status identifier. Applicant respectfully requests that the objection of Claim 7 be withdrawn.

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,413,226 to Starr et al. ("the '226 patent"). Claims 1-25 also stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,699,203 to Start et al. ("the '203 patent"). As suggested by the Examiner, a Terminal Disclaimer executed by the undersigned applicant's representative in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) is submitted herewith to disclaim the term of a patent resulting from the present application from extending beyond that of the '226 patent and '203 patent. Accordingly, applicants respectfully requests that the above obviousness-type double patent rejection be withdrawn.

The Commission is authorized to charge the Terminal Disclaimer fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) to deposit account no. 50-0558. Two copies of a Fee Transmittal form are submitted for this purpose.

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All objections and rejections have been addressed. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to the effect is earnestly solicited.

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